

Citizens Clean Elections Commission
Executive Director Report **REVISED**
August 17, 2006 (For the 8/24/06 meeting)

Announcements

- We are in heavy “matching funds” season as independent expenditures are kicking in and non-participating candidates are exceeding the limits.
- Colleen McGee and Paula Ortiz are working with the AZ Lottery Commission to conduct the drawings for our random audits at the October 12th and November 16th commission meetings.

Participation

- We currently have 139 participating candidates for the 2006 primary election cycle. We have disbursed funds to 94 candidates totaling \$3.12 million, including \$199,852 in matching funds.

Budget

- The Fund Balance is \$32.1 million as of July 31, 2006.

Voter Education

- We have all 23 primary debate videos on our website for viewing.
<http://cleanelections.serveraz.com/>
- Candidate Statement Pamphlets – Mike Becker is now putting together the General Election pamphlets. The deadline to submit a statement is August 24th at midnight.
- Debates – The General Election debate schedule is listed on the Commission’s website and the debates are scheduled to begin September 19th.

Enforcement

- 2006 - Ten Complaints total
 - Six closed
 - Four pending complaints:
 - MUR 06/001 Janet Napolitano – Recommendation Pending
 - MUR 06/006 Larry Nelson – Review Pending.
 - MUR 06/007 Cheryl Chase- Recommendation on whether or not there is reason to believe a violation occurred.
 - MUR 06/008 Janet Napolitano- Recommendation on whether or not there is reason to believe a violation occurred.
- 2004 - 81 complaints total.
 - 80 completed and closed.
 - 1 under investigation (Murphy –hearing on 10/2/06).